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Paris, August 6. N. S.

THE King has put off his Journey to *Compeigne* till the beginning of *September*, and Orders are sent to defer the Encamping of the Forces there till towards that time, that the Corn thereabouts may be all off the Ground. The Grand Prior continues still in the *Bastille*. Orders were given the last week for the Disbanding of 12 of the youngest Regiments in *France*. The Sieur *Cronstroom* being sent by the Duke of *Holstein-Gottorp* to this Court, to Notifie his Marriage with the Princess *Hedwig Sophia*, Sister to the King of *Sweden*, has accordingly had Audience of the King at *Versailles*. Last Thursday the Envoy from the King of *Poland* had Audience of the Duke and Dutchess of *Orleans*, and of the Duke *de Chartres*, and Mademoiselle Daughter to the Duke of *Orleans*. The Count *d'Avaux*, Ambassador from this Crown to the King of *Sweden*, having desired Leave to return home, the King has appointed the Count *de Guiscard* to succeed him in that Embassy, and he is accordingly preparing for his departure.

Clonmel, July 22. The Lord Marquis of *Winchester*, and the Earl of *Galloway*, Lords-Justices of *Ireland*, parted from *Dublin* on the 16th Instant, and came that Evening to *Kilkenny*, where they were splendidly Entertained by her Grace the Dutchess of *Ormond*. On the 18th they arrived at *Waterford*, being met on the Road by divers Gentlemen of that County, and at some distance from the Town by the Mayor, Recorder, and other Officers of the Corporation, with whom they Dined. The next day their Lordships viewed the Garison, and afterwards *Duncannon* Fort, and were Entertained at Dinner by Colonel *Purcell* the Governor. Before their departure from *Waterford* their Lordships conferred the Honour of Knighthood on *John Mason* Esq; the present Mayor of that City; and on Wednesday their Lordships came to this place, being attended by the Sheriff and divers Gentlemen of this County who went to meet them on the Road, and by the Mayor, Aldermen and Recorder, and Principal Inhabitants of this Corporation. Yesterday their Lordships went to *Two-Mile* Bridge near this Town, and took a Review of Colonel *Ecklyn*'s Regiment of Dragoons and Col. *How*'s, Col. *Gustavus Hamilton*'s and the Marquis of *Paisar*'s Regiments of Foot, which are there encamped. This day they again Reviewed the said Regiments, and to morrow their Lordships intend to proceed to *Corke*.

Edinburgh, July 23. The Parliament of this Kingdom met on Tuesday the 19th Instant: And His Majesties Commission constituting *Patrick* Earl of *Marchmont* (Lord Chancellor of *Scotland*) His Majesties High Commissioner for holding the same, was read, as likewise His Majesties Letter to my Lord Commissioner appointing the Viscount *Seafield*, His Majesties Principal Secretary of State, to be President during this Session; and the Lord *Polwarth* to sit and Vote as Lord High Treasurer, who being both present were Sworn, and having Signed the Assurance and Association took their Places in the usual manner; His Majesties most Gracious Letter to the Parliament was read, wherein His Majesty Thanks them for the Proofs of their Loyalty and good Affection to His Person and Government in the former Sessions of Parliament; and does Assure them, that he designs to give them such Encouragement upon all Occasions as may make them find the Advantage of their Faithfulness and Duty to him; That he is sensible of their Chearful Assistance during the continuance of the War, which by the Blessing of God is now ended in an Honourable Peace; His Majesty acquaints them, that he intended to hold this Session in Person, but the present Circumstances of Affairs hindred him from prosecuting that design; That he has appointed the Earl of *Marchmont* to represent his Royal Person & Authority among them, with whose Fitness and Abilities for Discharging this Trust His Majesty is well satisfied; That His Majesty has fully Instructed him to do whatever may be necessary for the Support of the Government and Safety of this Kingdom.

That our Enemies abroad, and those who are disaffected to the Government at home, are still ready to lay hold of all Opportunities for carrying on their bad Designs; and therefore His Majesty judges it absolutely necessary for our Preservation, that the Forces upon the present Establishment be continued; and does not doubt but they will provide suitable Supplies for maintaining them.

His Majesty recommends to them the raising Supplies to make good the Deficiencies of the Funds given in former Sessions; The Paying the Arrears that are due; and Repairing the Forts and Garisoned Places.

And the taking Effectual Methods to Discourage Vice, Immorality, and Irreligion.

And His Majesty gives them Assurance of His Care to Maintain their Religion, Laws and Liberties; Recommends to them Unanimity and Cordial Concurrence in the Dispatch of the Publick Affairs, that it may appear to all, they are not unmindful of the Happy Deliverance they have had from the Dangers to which their Religion and Liberties were formerly exposed; and Lastly, His Majesty Assures them of His Royal Favour and Protection in all their Concerns.

After which the Lord High Commissioner and the Lord President made their Speeches to the Parliament, and then Adjourned the same to Thursday the 21th, when the Parliament met again, and appointed Four Committees, one to Consider of the Security of the Kingdom, one for Trade, one for Elections, and the fourth for Returning an Answer to His Majesties most Gracious Letter: All which were ordered to meet the next

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